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SPECIAL CHANGING OF THE GUARD ISSUE

This will be my last issue as the Miller Number Custodian.

I took over this job in December of 1982 with the intent of trying to make the Miller Numbers a viable part of the Diplomacy Hobby. There had been years of neglect and inactivity connected with this office. Some people had given up even trying to get Miller Numbers for thier variant games thinking it was a lost cause. I've done my very best to rectify that situation. I've tried to issue all number requests and any requests for information within 24 hours. I've kept all of you informed and up to date of all Miller Number activity. I've compiled an "archive" of sorts to assist future custodians. (Past information was totally lacking when I came aboard).

If there is any area that I feel I failed in it was that A & O did not become what I hoped it would. I had envisioned a Miller Number 'zine with variant articles, discussions, maybe even the publication of a new variant now and then. It didn't turn out that way because of lack of input by my readers. It appears that most of you were quite satisfied just to see the job being done.

I leave the job with no regrets and hope that I've restored the confidence that was lacking in the Miller Number system.

I had several qualified candidates for my sucesor and gave it a lot of thought before choosing one. The MNC is an INDEPENDANT hobby officer and must be an individual that has no ties to any group that seeks control of any part of the hobby. Despite harrasment from one individual in particular during my entire tenure I have kept this office independant. I have confidence that the person I have chosen to assume the office of MNC will do the same. After carefull consideration I've chosen my sucesor, who is;

Fred Hyatt, 60 Grandview Place, Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043

I've known Fred for many years through games we've played in together. Because of those games he has also become a personal friend. I feel that he has all of the qualities that are needed to be a good MNC.

In order to make the changeover as smooth as possible Fred will be assuming the office on June 1st, 1986. DO NOT SEND ANYTHING TO FRED BEFORE THAT DATE. I will continue to handle all MNC bussiness untill that time. I also intend to remain as an assistant to Fred for a while in order to insure continuity of the office.

One final note; I can't thank all of you personally but I have really appreciated the fine support all of you have given me. It made the job a lot easier knowing that you appreciated the job I was doing.

THANKS !

ALL PUBLISHERS PLEASE
ANNOUNCE THIS !



Miller Numbers assigned since last issue

1986A rb32 (Gunboat) Costaguana, Conrad Von Metzke
Players names secret

1986B cn05 (Cline 9-man) Costaguana, Simon Billenness
Austria:Kevin Tighe, Barbary:R.Jacob Walters, England:David Anderson,
France:Jeff Hoffman, Germany:Micahael Pustilnik, Italy: Conrad S.
Minshall, Persia:John Crosby, Russia:Conrad Von Metzke, Turkey:
Robert A. O'Donnell

1986C ca02 (Turnabout) Bushwacker, Fred Davis
Balkans:Karl Brockmeier, Benelux:Ron Brown, Ireland:Russ Wallace,
Middle East:Alan Stewart, Scandinavia:Robert Cheek, Slavs:Andy
Cruickshank, Spain:David Rice

1986Drb32 (Gunboat) Canadian Diplomat, Bob Acheson
Players names secret

1986E gh09 (Colonia VI) Home Office, Fred Hyatt
Austria:David Rice, China:Philip Cooper, England:Karl Schuetz,
France:Stan Johnson, Netherlands:Victor Ricci, Ottoman:Gene Prosnitz,
Portugal:Stephen Wilcox, Russia:Russell Wallace, Spain:Elmer Hinton

1986F ?? (2 man Blind) flyer, Lee Kendter

No designator assigned this variant yet.

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Games Finished since last issue

From The Appalachian General

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MD-VA Game(1980Pcv)

Youngstown IV

This game was being run in DIJAGH by Glen Taylor prior to his death. There have been attempts to place it with another zone since that time. One had been found (or so I thought) last summer. It has since come to my attention that the information was passed on to another party and they are taking up the game without contacting any of the old players. For this reason, among others, I asked the players if they would agree to a draw. They all agreed to a four-way draw. This fact is being passed on to the Miller Number Custodian, Lee Kendter.

RESULTS: 4-way draw - England, India, Italy, Russia

Players:

AUSTRIA: Tom Kaehler(reeS03), Chris Mattern(outP06).
CHINA: John McCall(dropW05), CD(outP09).
ENGLAND: David McCrumb(drawW10).
FRANCE: Beki Belcher(dropS09), Rick Dorsey(eurW10).
GERMANY: Tom Perrell(resW04), Pam Gereau(dropS09), CD(outP10).
INDIA: Bill Wulff(drawW10).
ITALY: Mark Costello(dropS08), Mitch Krebe(drawW10).
JAPAN: Bill Thompson(dropW04), CD(outP06).
RUSSIA: Dave Bongard(drawW10).
TURKEY: Mike Hopper(reeP04), Lloyd Penn(outP09).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
AUSTRIA	5	6	4	4	1	0	-	-	-	-	
CHINA	6	8	7	7	4	2*	1	1	0	-	
ENGLAND	7	10	10	14	17	20	20	21	17	16	draw
FRANCE	8	8	8	7	9*	6	6	6	6	6	
GERMANY	6	7	7	6	3	3	3	2	1	0	
INDIA	5	7	8	8	10	13*	15*	16*	20	19	draw
ITALY	6#	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	14	18	draw
JAPAN	5	6	7*	4*	1	0	-	-	-	-	
RUSSIA	8	6	6	7	10	11	12*	12	14	13	draw
TURKEY	6	6	7	7	8	7	4	2	0	-	

*one short #two short !three short

It is too bad that this game had to come out like this. I know I had a lot of fun with it. I am sure the other players were also. Thank you to all the players. I know this was the first pmm variant for most of us.

HOKIE(1981Djm)

Pre-Spring 191

Youngetown XII

DRAW BETWEEN ENGLAND-JAPAN-TRANSVAAL PASSES

The draw has passed. The vote was 6 YES, 0 NO, and 2 ABSTAIN. Game end analysis will be accepted next issue (#30). Those that write one next issue will be permitted to respond to others in #31. I will be writing one up to 1907 as a player, and from 1909 as the GM.

PLAYERS:

AUSTRIA: Worth Burruee(rssS01), Debbie Schroeder(rssW01), Bob Welle(reeS05), CD(outP06).
 CHINA: Kerry Yon(dropS03), CD(outP04).
 ENGLAND: Mark Coetello(dropS05), Rick Dorsey(drawW15).
 FRANCE: David Mc/Crumb(reeW07), Keith Evane(eurW15).
 GERMANY: Chris Mattern(outP09).
 INDIA: Pam Gereau(resS04), Warren Naylor(dropP11), Eric Lanier(outP12).
 ITALY: Tim Bertnese(dropS03), Steve Brooks(dropS06), Carl Burke(dropP12), Lee Kendter(eurW15).
 JAPAN: Bill Wulff(drawW15).
 RUSSIA: Dave Lowman(eurW15).
 TRANSVAAL: Beki Belcher(dropP08), Rick Yorchek(reeS09), Neill Goltz(drawW15).
 TURKEY: Bob O'Harrow(dropS03), Alan Schwartz(dropP05), Richard Maltz(dropW10), John Crosby(eurW15).
 UNITED STATES: Dave Bongard(eurW15).

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
AUSTRIA:	7	9	8	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CHINA:	5	4	2*	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ENGLAND:	10	9	8	6	5	5	6	8	10	11	12	14	16	17	19	draw
FRANCE:	9	12	15	16	16	16	12	9	6	6	4	3	3	2	1	
GERMANY:	8	9	11	11	11	8	5	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
INDIA:	6	8	8	9	6	6	4	5*	4	4	3*	0	-	-	-	
ITALY:	6	7*	8	9	11*	12	14	15	15	12	11	5	3	4	4	
JAPAN:	6	8	9	9	13*	13	14	18*	20*	20	21	23	27*	28	27	draw
RUSSIA:	8	12	13	16	16	16	17	12	9	10	10	10	8	7	8	
TRANSVAAL:	3	4	4	7	8	9	10	12*	12	15	20*	22*	24*	24	27	draw
TURKEY:	7	7	8	8*	7*	9	12	11	15	13	11	15*	15	15	14	
USA:	6	7	7	9	9	9	9	9	10	12	10	11	7	6	3	

- one short * - two short ! - three short

From The Appalachian General-David McCrumb

1983Yrb32 (Gunboat) The Appalachian General, David McCrumb

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
AUSTRIA:	4	4	2	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ENGLAND:	5	5	5	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	
FRANCE:	5	5	3	4	4	5	5	6	5	3	3	
GERMANY:	5	7	7	9	10	12	13	13	15	17	18	WIN
ITALY:	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	2	0	-	-	
RUSSIA:	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
TURKEY:	4	6	10*	8	10	11	11	12	13*	13*	11	

*one unit short +two units short

AUSTRIA: Keith Becker(drop S04), Kirby Price (out P06).
 ENGLAND: Keith Evans (out P07).
 FRANCE: Glen Taylor (res S02), Eric Lanier (res S09), Pedro Prieto (sur P11).
 GERMANY: Neill Goltz (win P11).
 ITALY: Dave Lowman (out P09).
 RUSSIA: James Hopson (drop S08), David Pilban (sur P11).
 TURKEY: Chris Mattern (sur P11).

THE THRILL OF AGONY, THE VICTORY OF DEFEAT #29

Valentine's Day, 1988

THE EP RESULTS: At long last, the endgame statements for 1983J vj08 (R0)

EVERYBODY PLAYS DIP

Featuring this month: The last words of Mr. Ed Wrobel, Don Del Grande, Thomas James Swider, Esq., the Winner and New Champ Ernest Hakey, Dicko, and, of course, Bitch Goddess Mistress Julie.

Supply Center Chart

	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>
R	4	5	5	5	7	6	7	8	7	6
E	4	4	5	5	7	6	6	9	9	6
F	4	6	6	6	5	5	4	2	2	1
G	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	1
I	4	4	3	3	1	0				
R	5	7	8	9	10	12	12	12	14	20
T	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	0		
N	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	

((N refers to neutral supply centers))

The Cast of Characters**Don Stafford** W00/aeir; S01; F03/a; W03/t**Stephen Lee** W00/gt; S01; F02/a; W02/i; S03/t; S04; S08/f**Terry Tallman** W00/f; F01/f; S02/i; W03/f; S04/i; A04; W04/a; S05; F05/i; S07/a; F07**Don Williams** S01/gr**Greg Stewart** S01/e**Bill Highfield** S01/i**Don Sigwalt** S01/t**Uli Baumeister** S01/a; F01; W01/g; W02**Konrad Baumeister** S01; F01; W01/a; F02/i; W02; F03; W03/ag

Dick Martin S01/f; F01/et; W01/rt; S02/ft; F02; A02/i; W02/a; S03; F03/i; A03; W03; S04; F04; A04; W04/f; S05/e; F05/r; W05/r; S06/i; F06/er; W06/r; S07/e; M07; F07; W07; S08/r; M08; F08/f; W08/t; S09/a; M09/r; F09/f; W09; S10; M10; F10/e

Marcus Kurtz F01/a

Brad Wilson F01/r; S02/a; F02/f; F03/e; S04; F04/g; A04/r; W04; S05; F05/t; S06/a; W06; S07; M07; F07; S08/a; M08; F08/t; W08; S09/f; M09; F09/e; W09/e; S10/e

Keith Sherwood F01/i; S03/g**Tom Swider** F01/g; S03/a; F10/a

Mark Larzelere W01/ei; S02/g; A04; W04/g; S05/g; W06; S07/g; M07/f; F07; W07/r; S08; M08; F08; W08/f; M09; F09/g; W09; S10

Bob Olsen W01/f; S02/e; F02/t; S03/ei; A03/t; W03/r; S04; F04/r; A04; W04/r; S05/r; F05/a; W05/e; S06; F06/ft; W06; S07; M07; F07/t; W07; S08/g; M08; F08/e; W08; S09; M09/e; F09/r; W09; S10/r; M10; F10

Ed Wrobel S02/r; S03; A03/i; W03; F04/f; W04/e; F05; S06/g; M07; F07/f; S08; F08/a; S09

Jim Meinel F02/g; W02/f; S03/f

Fred Davis F02/er; W02/t; S03; F03/rt; W03; S04; F04/a; A04/i; W04; S05; F05; A05/t; W05/f; S06/e

Ben Schilling W02/er; S03/r; F03/g; W03/e; S04/t; F04/e; A04/a; W04; S05; F05/e;

W05/i; S06/r; F06/ag; W08; S07/t; M07; F07/r; W07; S08/t; M08/g; F08; W08; S09/g; M09;
F09/a; W09/r; S10/a; M10/g; F10/g
Eric Kane F03/f
Kathy Byrne A03; W03/i; S04; F04; A04; W04/t; F05
Mark Ley S04/t; F04; S05; W05/t; S06; F07
John Caruso S04/ar; F04; F05/g; W05/a; S06/ft; S09/e; S10/f
Scott Hanson S04/eg; S05/a
Don Del Grande F04/i; S05/i; F07; W07; S08; W08; S09/r; M09; F09; M10; F10/f
Tom Hurst F04/t
Carl Russell S04; W04/i; A04; S05/f; F05/f
Ken Peel S05/t
Doug Byrnes F05
Sean Vessey F05
Eric Vessey F05
Jerry Taylor F05
Mark Frueh S07/f; F07/ae; W07; S08/e; M08; F08/g
Jim Burgess S07/r; M07/g; F07
Ernest Hakey F07/g; S08; M08; F08/r; W08/e; S09; F10/r
((orders which were submitted late, or discovered under a pile of mail after the game
report had already been typed up, are not included above))
((the M season is summer retreats, of course))

1984F rb32 Gunboat Macabre Mark Coldiron

FINAL SC CHART

	1	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81	91	101
Austria	1	41	41	61	71	91	111	111	121	131	131
England	1	41	21	21	21	21	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
France	1	61	71	71	71	71	81	91	91	101	101
Germany	1	41	51	51	41	31	31	21	11	-1	-1
Italy	1	41	41	41	41	41	31	31	31	21	11
Russia	1	61	71	71	81	91	91	91	101	101	101
Turkey	1	41	41	31	21	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

I'm afraid I neglected to keep track of the people who left this game. I'd call a standby and not write down who replaced whom. And people who NMR out on me are taken off my mailing list permanently. So I don't even have a list to remember them from. So, all I can do is state who had each country at the end. I'm sorry about this guys, I'm usually so meticulous, but I really blew this one!

Austria: Thomas Johnson - draw
France: Mark Keller - draw
Italy: Ron Leyh - survives
Russia: Steve Langley - draw

I guess that about wraps it up, my final issue as the Miller Number custodian. I'm kind of saddened by this but there comes a time when one should move on. I feel that mine has come....

To answer the obvious question, what will I be doing in the hobby ? First, I intend to stick around for a while on a limited basis as a player in regular and variant games. There was a time when I played in 20+ games at once ! I don't ever see this happening again as I simply don't have the amount of spare time that I used to have. A limit of 3 to 5 games at any one time is my goal. I also intend to stick my hand back into GMing a few games. For those of you not real familiar with me I used to run a 'zine called WHY ME? and I GMed about 20 some odd games in it's pages. I've thought about reviving this but my very erratic schedule would not allow me to run it the way I would want. As an alternative I plan to guest GM selected games for a few other 'zines. I'm already doing the Diplomacy World demo game and I've agreed to run a game of Woolworth II-D for Fred Hyatt in his 'zine, The Home Office. I'm also running a few games of 2 man "Blind" Diplomacy that I enjoy very much. So, you haven't seen the last of me yet !

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Donations received since last issue in no particular order.

Fred Hyatt	1.00
Bob Acheson	1.00
Conrad Von Metzke	8.20
Jim Burgess	20.00

I thank all of these people as donations are currently my only source of income.

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REMEMBER.....Fred Hyatt will take over on June 1st. DO NOT send any materials to him before that time.

Fred & I are planning to both be at DIPCON in Virginia. We will be able to answer any questions you may have at that time.

YOURS,

